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The Honorable William Lacy Clay  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Clay:

This is in response to your inquiry about sites in the First Congressional District. Your Legislative Director, Ms. Bogdanovich, contacted our office several days ago requesting that we provide the nature of the problem at these sites and the status of the cleanup at the sites.

We are enclosing a listing of the sites with a brief history and status.

If you have questions or if we may provide additional information, please contact me at (913) 551-7006 or contact Jan Lambert, EPA Congressional Liaison, at (913) 551-7003.

Sincerely,

William W. Rice  
Acting Regional Administrator

Enclosure

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OEP	OEP	ARTD	SUPR	SUPR	RGAD
LAMBERT	FLOURNOY	SMITH	BURNETT	SANDERSON	RICE
<i>Jan Lambert</i> 6-14-01	<i>KAF</i> 6/19/01	<i>SS</i> 6/19/01	<i>Wb</i>	<i>Sanderson</i> 6-25-01	<i>WR</i> 6/26/01



provide some phyto-remediation of any PAHs which may migrate to the groundwater in the future. Prior to initiating the stabilization portion of the remedy permits from the Metropolitan Sewer District and the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers were required. The permits are being obtained, as well as concurrence from EPA and MDNR, work on the chosen remedy began. Several things slowed down the work: weather, additional modifications to the existing sewer to accommodate the plan, and finally the discovery of additional impacted soils during construction. It appears that these obstacles have been or are about to be overcome and the work will be completed this summer. It is anticipated that all work will be completed by the first of October 2001.

**RCRA Info.**

This facility is listed as a small quantity generator.

**Whiting Door-Deer Valley Site EPA ID# MOD981712001**

**Superfund Info.**

In March 1997, a Preliminary Assessment/Removal Site Evaluation was completed by MDNR and revealed the presence of buried metal and buried waste lagoons. In November 1997, a site inspection was completed by MDNR and a removal action was recommended to address the partially buried drums and drum remnants. The backfilled lagoons were also identified as containing several hazardous substances above health-based benchmarks.

On May 15, 1997, the Deer Valley site was officially entered into state VCP. In June 1997, VCP requested additional soil and groundwater site characterization. Due to a property transfer, in which the owner of the adjacent land to the southwest, Whiting Roll-up Door Company, obtained ownership of the entire parcel, the new owner chose to leave the VCP. On June 4, 1998, the owner formally requested to remove the site from the VCP. Whiting Roll-up Door Company stated their intention to re-enter the site into the VCP in a July 1998 letter, however an application was never received.

In August 2000, Johnson Consulting, an environmental contractor hired by Whiting Roll-up Door Company, informed MDNR that a drum removal activity occurred at the site in May and June 2000. Several partially buried drums and "miscellaneous metal debris" were removed from the site for scrapping. The material was consolidated into 23 over packed drums and transported for disposal as non-hazardous waste. As the site was no longer enrolled in VCP or any other state program, this activity took place without state oversight or approval. Johnson Consulting stated that the site should be redefined to include only the former backfilled Evans Steel Barrel Facility lagoons, which are approximately 0.25 acre. Johnson claims this portion of the site is for restricted use only. MDNR remains the lead agency for this site.

**RCRA Info.**

This facility is currently listed as a large quantity generator. A RCRA inspection was conducted by the MDNR on August 14, 1996. No violations were noted.